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## Every County Wins!

On February 13, 2008 librarians, library trustees and library supporters will converge in Frankfort for Library Legislative Day 2008. The purpose of the event is to bring library related legislative issues to the attention of every county's representatives. There are a number of items in the upcoming legislative session that could impact libraries across Kentucky. Since legislators will have an opportunity to pass legislation to benefit every library and county in Kentucky, "Every County Wins" is this year's Library Legislative Day theme.

A few pieces of legislation could greatly impact every library and county across Kentucky. In 2000 the General Assembly passed the Public Library Improvement and Equalization Fund – House Bill 825. This program was established to assure quality and equity in contemporary library and information services to improve early childhood development; support lifelong learning opportunities; enhance economic development; enrich cultural resource opportunities for all Kentuckians; and, expand adult education and adult literacy programs. Although the statute became law in 2000, it has never been funded. Funding the Library Equalization Bill to the level of \$6 million annually will assist libraries in providing the resources needed to support services in local communities.

The Kentucky Public Library Standards were introduced to help public libraries rate their own strengths and weaknesses. Stressing ongoing planning and evaluation, standards provide baseline data and establish a strong foundation from which to develop local goals to address local needs. Through utilization of these standards, libraries can maximize their role in the community by focusing resources. Most of Kentucky's public library facilities fall short of the minimum standard. As major institutions for bringing communities together, libraries need more and better space to address an information driven economy and a bewildering array of educational, cultural and social challenges facing our communities. Library supporters are seeking \$2,255,000 annually in construction funds to support the physical plan needs of our libraries as they expand and grow to meet the increasing demand.

Finally, the preservation of Kentucky's historical documents is an essential service that directly benefits each community. The current Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives facility is unable to support this function. An \$11 million expansion of the facility is needed to provide sufficient space to house Kentucky's records. Every county will benefit from an archival facility that is large enough to preserve Kentucky's history.

There is no doubt Kentuckians support their libraries and the services they provide. In October, the Kentucky Public Library Association sponsored a state-wide survey about public libraries independently conducted by Dr. Ron Langley, from the University of Kentucky Survey Research Center. Over 600 responses were gathered (89.2% were registered voters representing every county in the Commonwealth). Some inspiring and exciting perceptions about Kentucky's public libraries emerged:

- 95.5% said "Public libraries are a good investment of tax dollars"
- 97.3% agreed that "libraries help people learn new things"
- 93.5% saw public libraries as a "key educational asset in the community"
- 96.1% agreed that computer skills are crucial to jobs (Kentucky public libraries provide 2,604 public access computers)
- 84.9% believe "Public libraries improve communities by helping people learn new skills so they can get better jobs"

Libraries build communities and strengthen local economies, connecting families and individuals on their own terms, in their own towns and communities without prejudice or discrimination. The millions of library visits recorded every year emphasize the importance of public libraries to the communities they serve.

The goal of library supporters on Library Legislative Day is to ensure that every county will benefit from this legislative agenda, every county's public library will be able to seek a stable future and expanded opportunities to meet the increasingly demanding needs of our communities, every county's public library will make substantive strides towards providing the essential level of service each Kentuckian deserves, regardless of where he/she lives, and every county citizen will have improved and enhanced public library services. Library supporters have an opportunity to bring much needed improvements to all public libraries across the Commonwealth. Securing legislative support to provide the important library services which every citizen deserves and expects will ensure that Every County Wins!

## **National Public Library Rankings**

The latest national public library rankings, by state, have been released by the Federal-State Cooperative System. They are for FY 2005. Included are all fifty states plus the District of Columbia. A few trends in Kentucky libraries rankings nationally:

- A steady improvement in local income to 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Best ever position in state income - 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Gradual improvement in staff expenditures, although ranked 42<sup>nd</sup>.
- Third straight decline in books and serial holdings (in collection) - now 44<sup>th</sup>.
- Best ever rank for serials and subscriptions. Six years of better rankings in a row!
- Best historical rank for reference transactions - 41<sup>st</sup>.

- ALA-MLS now up to 43<sup>rd</sup>.
- Paid FTE librarians is 15<sup>th</sup> in the nation. This high ranking is a result of how states define a librarian. Some states only consider a person to be a librarian if they possess an ALA-MLS.
- Total paid FTE staff - steady increase to 32<sup>nd</sup>.
- Internet terminals per library building - Kentucky is 14<sup>th</sup>.

The table below details Kentucky's position over the last nine years:

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
• Local Income	38	36	37	40	35	33	33	32	29
• State Income	27	26	23	23	23	25	23	23	20
• Other Income	27	32	23	29	25	29	30	33	38
• Total Income	39	41	40	44	39	38	37	35	35
• Salary + Wages	47	45	47	46	44	44	42	41	41
• Staff									
• Expenditures	46	45	46	45	44	44	43	43	42
• Collection									
• Expenditures	37	39	43	41	38	38	39	37	37
• Operating									
• Expenditures	43	43	39	43	43	41	40	40	41
• Book + Serial									
• Holdings	42	41	45	45	43	41	42	43	44
• Audio Collection	46	42	45	41	42	40	40	40	41
• Video Collection	44	43	43	44	42	43	41	40	42
• "Serials,									
• Subscriptions"	48	47	51	49	46	44	43	41	39
• Library Visits	39	40	42	40	42	39	40	39	40
• Reference									
• Transactions	46	42	44	48	50	49	48	48	41
• Circulation	35	35	37	37	36	37	35	35	36
• Interlibrary									
• Loans In	39	46	41	45	42	41	42	39	39
• ALA-MLS									
• Librarians	49	49	47	48	46	48	45	45	43
• Paid FTE									
• Librarians	23	19	24	23	19	20	20	16	15
• Other Paid									
• FTE Staff	44	44	49	49	49	45	41	43	43
• Total Paid									
• FTE Staff	34	35	38	41	36	34	33	33	32
• Public-Use Internet Terminals per Library Building						new	13	16	14
• "Internet Terminals/ 5,000 Population"						new	41	41	37

The full report, without rankings, is online at <http://nces.ed.gov/pubs2008/2008301.pdf> .  
 Contact Jay Bank at KDLA, [jay.bank@ky.gov](mailto:jay.bank@ky.gov) or 502-564-8300 ext. 263, if you have questions or need additional information on this report.

## **‘Cross the Commonwealth**

A clown, a tent, and a train full of animals have arrived in the children's department of the **Scott County Public Library**. Local artist Robert Johnson has painted a fantastic mural which portrays the Hope Express loaded with animals on their way to the circus just past the Georgetown Depot.

Much is happening at the **Campbell County Public Library**. The library has selected a 3.5 acre site for a new branch. The facility is expected to be about 19,000 square feet. The upper level will have 14,000 square feet for public space and parking for 70 cars is currently planned. Also, Newport Branch Librarian Barb Bonney has published a book of library-related poems entitled *Liberry*. She speaks for those who labor to bring thoughtfully acquired and relevant books and materials to the public.

Emerging Leaders 2008 is an initiative of the American Library Association and will welcome and train 120 new librarians to get a jump-start in leadership. Denise Vallandingham of **Boone County Public Library** has been chosen to participate in this prestigious four part program.

**Fleming County Public Library** held a dedication ceremony December 9<sup>th</sup> for its new 12,000 square foot facility. The new building is four times larger than the previous location, has a collection of more than 30,000 books, a computer lab with 18 workstations, a large meeting room and land available for future growth.

The **McCreary County Public Library** hosted an open house on December 1<sup>st</sup> to celebrate the opening of the library's new addition. The expansion made it possible to have a new teen and children's area, a coffee lounge, and additional offices.

Groundbreaking for the new **Allen County Public Library** took place on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The theme was "The Past, the Present and the Future"

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 6 to 7 p.m., **Marion County Public Library** will host a "Raising A Money Smart Child" program. The program will be presented by investment representative Eric Hardin. He will instruct parents on raising money savvy children and help them plan for their futures.

In November, **Logan County Public Library** hosted a display of Historical Kentucky Quilts and lecturer Dr. Carol Crowe-Carraco discussed the History of Quilts in America.

The **Knott County Public Library** hosted a book signing on December 7<sup>th</sup>. Authors signing were Silas House, Marianne Worthington, Anne Shelby, Don Amburgey, Charles Simpson and Charles P. Fairchild.

**Trigg County's** John L. Street Library hosted a book signing by Susan Paisley on November 17<sup>th</sup>. She has written the children's book *A Goose Tale* and *Her Cumberland*, a book for all ages.

On October 19<sup>th</sup> Barren River Region hosted a "Baby Boomers and Beyond" workshop at the **Hart County Public Library** aimed at services for senior citizens.

## 2008 Library Calendar

**January 11-16** American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia, PA  
[www.ala.org/midwinter](http://www.ala.org/midwinter)

**January 23-26** Special Libraries Association Leadership Summit in Louisville, KY  
[www.sla.org/content/resources/leadcenter/LeadershipSummit/08leadsummit/index.cfm](http://www.sla.org/content/resources/leadcenter/LeadershipSummit/08leadsummit/index.cfm)

**January 31** Certification Annual Summations due to KDLA Regional Office  
[www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/certification.htm](http://www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/certification.htm)

**February 1-29** Library Lovers Month  
[www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers/](http://www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers/)

**February 13** Kentucky Library Legislative Day in Frankfort, KY  
[www.lrc.ky.gov/](http://www.lrc.ky.gov/)

**February 13-15** Summer Reading Workshops in Frankfort, KY  
[www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/children/SRP-planning.htm](http://www.kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/children/SRP-planning.htm)

**February 29-March 1** McConnell Literature Conference in Lexington, KY  
[www.uky.edu/CIS/SLIS/mcconnell/center.htm#conference](http://www.uky.edu/CIS/SLIS/mcconnell/center.htm#conference)

**March 1** Annual Financial Statement due to Fiscal Court  
<http://www.gold.ky.gov/downloads.htm>

**March 2-4** Ohio Digital Commons for Education Conference in Columbus, OH  
[www.ohn.org/conferences/ODCE2008/](http://www.ohn.org/conferences/ODCE2008/)

**March 2-8** Teen Tech Week  
[www.ala.org/teentechweek](http://www.ala.org/teentechweek)

**March 3** National Education Association's Read Across America  
[www.nea.org/readacross/index.html](http://www.nea.org/readacross/index.html)

**March 14** Freedom of Information Day  
[www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/freedomofinfo/freedominformation.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/freedomofinfo/freedominformation.cfm)

**March 25-29** Public Library Association National Conference in Minneapolis, MN  
[www.placonference.org/](http://www.placonference.org/)

**March 30-April 1** National Conference on Family Literacy in Louisville, KY  
<http://www.famlit.org/site/c.gtJWJdMQIsE/b.1574477/>

**April 1-30** National Poetry Month  
[www.poets.org/](http://www.poets.org/)

**April 7-9** Computers in Libraries Conference in Arlington, VA  
[www.infotoday.com/cil2008/](http://www.infotoday.com/cil2008/)

**April 13-19** National Library Week  
[www.ala.org/ala/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/natlibraryweek/nlw.htm)

**April 15** National Library Workers Day  
[www.ala-apa.org/](http://www.ala-apa.org/)

**April 16-18** Kentucky Public Library Association/Kentucky Library Trustees Round Table Conference in Bowling Green, KY  
[www.kylibasn.org/upcomingconf353.cfm](http://www.kylibasn.org/upcomingconf353.cfm)

**April 17-18** Center for Summer Learning National Conference in Albuquerque, NM  
[www.summerlearning.org/](http://www.summerlearning.org/)

**April 19** Southern Kentucky Book Fest in Bowling Green, KY  
[www.sokybookfest.org/](http://www.sokybookfest.org/)

**April 23-25** KLA Academic/Special Sections/SLA Conference at Cumberland Falls SRP  
[www.kylibasn.org/upcomingconf353.cfm](http://www.kylibasn.org/upcomingconf353.cfm)

**April 30** El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day)  
[www.ala.org/ala/alsc/diadelosninos/diadelosninos.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/alsc/diadelosninos/diadelosninos.htm)

**May 1** Uniform Financial Information Report due to Office of Local Development  
[www.gold.ky.gov/downloads.htm](http://www.gold.ky.gov/downloads.htm)

**May 1-31** Get Caught Reading Month  
[www.getcaughtreading.org/index.htm](http://www.getcaughtreading.org/index.htm)

**May 8-9** Southeastern Library Network Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA  
[www.solinet.net/events/events\\_temp.cfm?doc\\_id=1067](http://www.solinet.net/events/events_temp.cfm?doc_id=1067)

**May 12-18** Children's Book Week  
[www.cbcbooks.org/cbw/](http://www.cbcbooks.org/cbw/)

**May 13-14** National Library Legislative Days in Washington, D.C.  
[www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/nlld/nlld2008.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/washoff/washevents/nlld/nlld2008.cfm)

**June 1** FY Budget due to County Clerk

**June 26-July 2** American Library Association Conference in Anaheim, CA  
[www.ala.org/annual](http://www.ala.org/annual)

**July 12-15** American Association of Law Libraries Conference in Portland, OR  
[www.aallnet.org/events/](http://www.aallnet.org/events/)

**August 10-14** International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions Conference in Quebec, Canada [www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/index.htm](http://www.ifla.org/IV/ifla74/index.htm)

**August 15** FY Annual Report due to KDLA Regional Office  
[collect.informata.com/](http://collect.informata.com/)

**August 29** File summary financial statement with the Fiscal Court. File general description of service area and names of the director and trustees, with term expiration dates, with County Clerk. Publish names and addresses of trustees and the director with summary financial statement, or location of this information, in the local newspaper.

**September 1-30** Library Card Sign-up Month  
[www.ala.org/ala/pio/otherinit/card/librarycard.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/otherinit/card/librarycard.htm)

**September 15-October 15** National Institute for Literacy Hispanic Heritage Month  
[www.nifl.gov/nifl/news\\_events/hispanicheritage.html](http://www.nifl.gov/nifl/news_events/hispanicheritage.html)

**September 23-26** Widening Circles in Bowling Green, KY  
[kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/children.htm](http://kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/children.htm)

**September 27-October 4** Banned Books Week  
[www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/](http://www.ala.org/ala/oif/bannedbooksweek/)

**October 1** Tax Rates due to Dept. of Property Valuation, County Clerk & County Judge

**October 1-4** Kentucky Library Association/Southeastern Library Association/National Diversity in Libraries Conference in Louisville, KY  
[www.kylibasn.org/](http://www.kylibasn.org/)      <http://sela.jsu.edu/>      [www.librarydiversity.org/](http://www.librarydiversity.org/)

**October 1-31** National Book Month  
[www.nationalbook.org/nbm.html](http://www.nationalbook.org/nbm.html)

**October 5-11** Kentucky Archives Week  
[kdla.ky.gov/events/archivesweek/](http://kdla.ky.gov/events/archivesweek/)

**October 16-19** Library & Information Technology Association National Forum in Cincinnati, OH  
[www.ala.org/ala/lita/litaevents/litaeventsprograms.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/lita/litaevents/litaeventsprograms.cfm)

**October 17-19** American Association of School Librarians Fall Forum in Oak Brook, IL  
[www.ala.org/ala/aasl/conferencesandevents/fallforum/fallforum.cfm#2008ff](http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/conferencesandevents/fallforum/fallforum.cfm#2008ff)

**October 19-25** Teen Read Week  
[www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/teenreading.cfm](http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/teenreading/teenreading.cfm)

**November 1** Family Literacy Day  
[www.famlit.org/](http://www.famlit.org/)

**November 7-9** YALSA Young Adult Literature Symposium in Nashville, TN  
<http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/yalitsymposium/symposium.cfm>

**November 15** Kentucky Book Fair in Frankfort, KY  
<http://www.kybookfair.com/>

The Kentucky Public Library Newsletter online: <http://kdla.ky.gov/resources.htm>  
2008 KDLA Continuing Education Events: <http://kdla.ky.gov/libsupport/continuinged.htm>

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